

## AN ADIRONDACK PROJECT

W. C. Whitney's Preparation for a Great Game Preserve.

He Offers to Contribute Moose and Elk—Dr. W. Seward Webb and Others to Join in the Undertaking—The New York State Commission Has the Plan Under Advise.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Dr. W. Seward Webb, William C. Whitney proposes to restock the Adirondacks with moose and American elk, and lovers of wild animals and hunters of big game all over America applaud him. They declare it will prove one of the most important and interesting experiments of its kind ever made. It will take money and plenty of it, but that is not considered. Mr. Whitney promises to give liberally from his game preserve near Lenox, and, if necessary, to make purchases in Maine and Canada.

Moreover, Dr. W. Seward Webb has offered to contribute nine moose and a few elk, and other rich New Yorkers owning big estates in the Adirondacks have requested the privilege of giving fine specimens from their private herds.

For hundreds of years these noble animals roamed and browsed in New York's famous mountains unmolested. Sometime they would come across some trail or into the open country among the low hills and be slain by Indian hunters, but in the wilds of the Adirondacks they were secure. There they grew fat and multiplied.

Then came civilization. The big, dull, moose and elk were easy marks for the frontiersman's flintlock musket. In due time their most remote confines were invaded, and they were slaughtered by wholesale. For years there were no laws to protect them, and when these were enacted they were not enforced.

Accordingly the big animals were soon exterminated. The last moose seen in the Adirondacks was killed in 1889 and the last of the moose fell early in the thirties.

Mr. Whitney has submitted to the State Game Commissioners—Austin Wadsworth of Geneva, Percy Lansing of Cortland, D. H. Mackey of Delaware County, Frank Woods of Queens County, and James Van Duser of Elmira—his proposition, and upon receiving from them a favorable reply, will ship his first installment from October Mountain, his Lenox estate.

"I have long thought the moose and elk ought once more to inhabit the Adirondacks," said the ex-Secretary to a reporter at his Fifth Avenue home yesterday, "and I am willing to do what I can to restore the old order of things."

"You see they both live on browse, and our mountains afford the very best sort of this particular feed. Moreover, the climate is almost identical with that of Maine and of much of the wooded and mountainous portions of Canada."

"The chief trouble seems to be the inadequacy of the game laws. Under the present condition one of those big, sluggish animals would last only a few days in the wilds. The deer, on the other hand, would be picked off by some guide or unscrupulous hunter and none would be the wiser. I have offered to turn over to the State Game Commissioners a number of animals to be kept in the State Game Preserve at Lenox, and I have offered to help in the cost of their care."

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## VICONTESSES IN A RUNAWAY.

Thrown Out of a Carriage and Badly Injured.

WAYNE, Pa., Dec. 30.—Vicontess Louise de Biange de Bourville was seriously injured in a runaway accident at this place early yesterday morning. With her husband, she had driven from their home a few miles distant over to Wayne on a shopping trip. When they reached the business section of the village the vicomtesse got out to attend to some business and left his wife in charge of the team.

Soon returned, and, after re-entering the vehicle, which was an open pony-car, he reached for the reins. He succeeded, however, in grasping only one rein and the pony, a spirited animal, immediately took fright and started off. The vicomtesse pulled the one rein, turning the horse around, and the animal dashed across Lancaster Avenue and in front of the Presbyterian Church struck the stone curbing, throwing both the occupants out and upsetting the vehicle.

The vicomtesse, fortunately, was uninjured, but her husband was badly hurt. He was taken to the hospital, where he is now recovering from his injuries.

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## THE AUSTRALIAN UNION

Six Colonies to Form a New Commonwealth Tomorrow.

The First Parliament to Be Opened by the Duke of York—The Extent of the Country—The Individual Governments—Steps Toward Federation First Taken in 1852.

The institution of the Commonwealth of Australia will take place on January 1, 1901, and the first Parliament will be opened on that day by the Duke of York, who made the trip to the far-away country expressly for that purpose, to show how deeply the Queen of England is interested in the occasion.

The country, which measures about 2,000 miles east and west and 1,570 miles from north to south, having an area of 2,945,000 square miles, is the most important of the many islands comprising the geographical division known as Australasia, and is nearly equal in area to the United States, exclusive of Alaska and the newly acquired possessions.

Its white population, exclusive of Tasmania's 150,000, numbers only about 2,635,000, of which New South Wales has 1,400,000, Victoria 1,200,000, Queensland 500,000, South Australia 365,000, and West Australia 170,000. This shows that the country is exceedingly thinly populated, there being only a fraction over one white person to the square mile, and the population is of the "British" type.

It is called a "brickfielder," which means that the mercury was sizzling around 115 degrees in the shade, while a north wind was driving fine red dust into one's very bones. Sparrows were dropping dead, and beads of burden actually refused to budge. This exceptional heat was followed by a sudden change of wind from the opposite direction, with torrents of rain, which in about ten minutes changed the temperature to 60 degrees above zero.

Each of the six colonies constituting the Commonwealth is in many respects a distinct and separate State. Each has its own Parliament, its own Governor, and its own laws. The colonies are: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania.

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## AT THE THEATRES.

The Columbia-Marie Burroughs.

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## ADIRONDACK GYPSY TRIBE

The Mianas of India a Trouble-some Band.

Live Generally in the Country—At-tract Villages in the Night—Experts in the Use of the Sword—In Religion They Are Mahomedans—Their Appearance and Characteristics.

When I traveled through Kathiawar in March, just before the Viceroy's first visit, the country was ringing with tales of dreadful dolefuls, in which the Mianas appeared to be the chief actors. So daring had they become that a gang of them attempted to loot the station at Wankaner. There they came on a police Sepoy with an absolute snuff, and they retreated. But the contents of the rifle found their way into one pair of naked legs; and as buckshot in the calves greatly militate against successful sprinting, the owner of those calves was constrained reluctantly to submit to an official interview, with the result that he and seven of his companions are now making themselves useful in jail.

Half the crime in Kathiawar is committed by Mianas, and it is all Morji's fault that we have them. Morji was the son of Kayagi, and about a hundred and fifty years ago he had a great dispute with the chief of Morji. He wanted some village and he wished to be independent. So a bright idea occurred to him one day, and, acting on it, he invited the Mianas to come over from Sind to help him. Now, that it is not a country that he will agree to that is not a country that he will agree to stay, and the Mianas were therefore nothing loath to leave it. Of course, when they first came to help Morji they said nothing about remaining permanently; but after they had helped him they decided to depart and spoiled the pleasure of the worthy chief in his new gilded